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**LEG UP ON COMPETITION** – Justin Code, Didsbury High School, clears the bar for his personal best and event winning 1.72 metre jump. His leap helped him secure the senior boys high jump title at the county track and field meet in Carstairs, May 20. Code and second place finisher Jonathan Guenther, also from Didsbury, are set to compete in the zones in Calgary this week.

## Mock disaster helping strengthen ER plan

BY SABEEN AHMAD  
Didsbury Review

The coordinated effort to ensure residents are safe and their needs are met during a disaster is being strengthened after the most recent testing of the town's emergency management plan.

Earlier this year, the RCMP detachment coffee room was transformed into an Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) to deal with a mock train derailment that forced the enactment of the plan for training purposes.

"Doing the exercise allows us to put the plan into effect and allows us to measure how well it's working," said Derek Sutherland, director of the Mountain View Regional Disaster Relief Committee.

The emergency management plan sets out roles, responsibilities, and actions to be taken by designated town staff during a disaster. It establishes a command centre – EOC – to base this coordinated response from. The primary job of EOC staff is to ensure resi-

dents are safe and all of their basic needs are being met.

Guy Kerr, an independent consultant, was hired to assess the training exercise and has made several recommendations to increase the effectiveness of the plan – several of which have already been acted upon.

An alternative location to operate the Emergency Operation Centre out of is now being considered. The consultant noted that if more people needed to be deployed than had been in the EOC at the time of the training exercise, it would have been too cramped.

Potential new locations include the proposed new town office or fire hall.

In the meantime, Sutherland said Mountain View County's EOC could be used in conjunction with the town's.

The consultant also made recommendations and observations about staff roles and responsibilities. He noted that having one staff fill the role of public information officer and disaster social service could be overwhelming. His suggestion to split the roles has

already been enacted.

As well, he noted the phone system used during the training exercise was inadequate as each department did not have their own dedicated lines.

He suggested creating and making available a public information line that residents can call to obtain information on the status of the emergency.

Sutherland said a train derailment was chosen for the exercise as it is probably one of the more likely disasters to occur in town – the rail line dissects the town, running through commercial, residential, and industrial areas. A derailment has already occurred where the line intersects with Range Road 20, in the newly annexed land in the town's northwest.

"It would be fairly devastating if it happened in the right spot," said Sutherland.

He said Mountain View Regional Disaster Relief Committee tries to conduct disaster training every year in the town to refresh staff with roles and responsibilities.

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## CRIME WATCH

BY MARK LAYCOCK

For the Review

### Long weekend infractions

Didsbury RCMP, in co-operation with multiple enforcement departments, kept busy over the May long weekend handing out warnings and charges in the Burnt Timber area.

Infractions included:

- 52 charges related to the Traffic Safety Act, most for failing to provide proper documentation.
- 32 charges/warnings regarding the gaming and liquor act.
- 13 charges laid under the Forest Act for failing to maintain a clean campsite. Offenders received a \$172 fine.
- 8 charges for possession of a controlled drug or substance.
- 35 no case seizures of illegal substances including: more than 140 grams of marijuana, 40 ecstasy tabs, and other quantities of hash, mushrooms and cannabis oil.

-More than 17 drivers were hit with a 24-hour licence suspension. Many of the offenders were drivers with graduated licences that had traces of alcohol in their system.

-18 arrests for public intoxication and outstanding warrants. Sgt. Jeff Jacobson of the Didsbury RCMP says the weekend went as expected, with infractions totalling similar amounts seen in previous years.

"All in all we consider our operation... was pretty much considered a success. There were no deaths or serious injuries in our portion of the jurisdiction."

Jacobson adds that police will continue to be vigilant with campers and will continue to patrol campgrounds to ensure compliance with forestry regulations requiring clean campsites.

"The message we want to get out to people like this is that there is a requirement to keep a campsite clean at all times, it's not a matter of cleaning up when you're ready to leave."

Throughout the Southern Alberta detachment jurisdictions, RCMP handed out 1,015 traffic violation tickets. Alberta Sheriffs issued more than 4,000 violation tickets.

### Vehicle damaged

Police received a complaint of a side window that was smashed on a black 1986 GMC pickup truck on 15 Ave in Didsbury. The incident occurred between May 15 and May 17. Police say nothing was stolen from inside the vehicle.

### Attempted break-and-enter

Police continue to investigate a break-in at Carstairs business between May 17 at 4 p.m. and 9 a.m. the next morning.

A latch had been removed from a door at Dale's Welding and Entry was gained, but no possessions were stolen.

### Ford dealership vandalized

Vandals caused approximately \$250,000 in damage at the Carstairs Ford Sales dealership sometime during the night of May 17. About 75 vehicles were damaged.

Police believe the incident was a targeted crime and not a random occurrence.

### Licence plate stolen

A licence plate was stolen from a vehicle on 19 Ave., between 20th and 21st Street in Didsbury on May 14 some time before 11:40 p.m. The licence plate number is UUZ 290.

### Break-and-enter at golf course

Police are asking for the public's assistance in catching the person or persons responsible for two break-ins at the Water Valley Golf Course.

The first incident occurred on May 16 some time before 7:45 a.m. A door at the golf course was pried open and some alcohol was stolen.

The second incident occurred the next night. The perpetrators entered through a kitchen door and stole several objects including golf clubs.

Anyone with information about any of the above incidents is asked to contact Didsbury RCMP at 403-335-3382 or Central Alberta Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

## Lagoon project snubbed by feds

Didsbury may have been snubbed during last week's \$226 million federal and provincial funding announcements, but officials are still hopeful they'll find a funding source for the proposed \$9 million lagoon project.

The town made an application for grant funding under the recently announced Canada-Alberta Building Canada Fund to make upgrades to Didsbury's sewer lagoon.

Rob Merrifield, Canada's Minister of State for Transport, and Luke Ouellette, Alberta's Minister of Transportation, announced a joint investment of more than \$226.9 million for 73 Alberta capital and infrastructure projects in Penhold last Thursday.

The announcement included funding for Penhold's multiplex construction,



Rob Merrifield, federal Minister of State for Transportation makes funding announcements last week in Penhold.

Innisfail's library, the community broadband engagement sites throughout Chinook's Edge School Division and Sundre's water and wastewater upgrades.

The Canada-Alberta Building Canada Fund is aimed at improving vital infrastructure in communities of up to 100,000 residents.

Under the Building

Canada plan, the governments of Canada and Alberta will contribute two-thirds of total eligible project costs, while Alberta municipalities are contributing the remainder of the funds.

"Well for that application we had in there, there is still some funds available, from what Blake Richards told me, that they will be looking at dispersing here later

from now through the summer. But it's not a big amount so I don't know if I would really hold out much hope that we get \$9 million out of however much is left," said Mayor Brian Wittall.

He said the town has also applied for funding for the sewage lagoon project under the Alberta Infrastructure Grants program and is waiting to hear about its status.

## Disaster

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"We want to be prepared for that kind of incident if it happens and we want to get staff comfortable in their roles in the EOC because sometimes their roles are different than their roles within the town," he explained. "Also, it provides a familiarization to the plan for staff that aren't working with it every day."

While some staff coordinated a response to the mock disaster in the EOC, designated staff established a rescue station in the Multi-purpose room of the town's sports complex and were required to serve food the way they would if it were a real disaster situation.

Other situations that were looked into included accommodating people with disabilities, pets, and where patients would go if the hospital were compromised.

"There are people who probably wouldn't leave their homes without their pets," Sutherland said, adding pets would have to be accommodated separately in case other evacuees had allergies or were afraid of certain pets such as dogs.



**DERAILED** - The most likely scenario in Didsbury's emergency management plan is that a train derailed. This scenario has already played out at a train crossing north of Didsbury on RR 2 in 2008. Two Didsburians in a pickup truck collided with a train at 4:40 a.m. Feb. 12, 2008. Two of the train cars were derailed.

While the latest test of the emergency management plan was a mock training exercise, the town also hosted a table top exercise this year, involving many area municipalities.

"In January a table top exercise was put through with each emergency management liaison in each municipality. They met at the (Didsbury) train station and discussed different scenarios amongst 25 people. Slides were put up and (they) talked about how the situation would be handled or what they would do," described Sutherland.

"It was great

preparation for (the scenario)."

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# For-profit status pondered for commissions

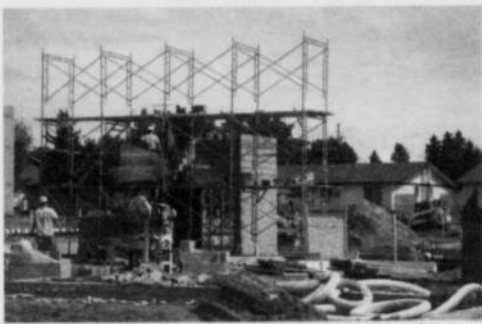
BY PAUL FREY AND  
SABEEN AHMAD  
Didsbury Review

A proposal to turn Mountain View Seniors' Housing Commission and Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission into for-profit corporations may reduce a financial risk to the taxpayers of Didsbury and other municipalities that are partners in the commissions.

The Municipal Area Partnership announced last week it is considering changing the status of several of the commissions to a corporate business model.

Both commissions are owned by the municipalities of Didsbury, Carstairs, Olds, Sundre, Cremona, and Mountain View County. Elected officials from each of the municipalities form the governance board of the commissions and hire staff for the day to day operations.

MAP chair and Didsbury mayor Brian Wittal said MAP members felt this model was worth exploring because "at the end of the day with tax dollars going into all these things ... we got to look at running it as a business ... so that you're not having to continually put tax dollars back into those programs year in and year out. There should be ways to make them self-sustainable."



File photos

Mountain View Seniors' Housing, which is constructing a new lodge in Olds (top) and Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission, which operates the Didsbury landfill (bottom) may become for-profit corporations.



Elected municipal officials have been looking at different governance models for the last couple of years and decided to go this route to allow other community members onto the boards, who may have expertise in that particular area.

"That way, I think what it does is it allows you to bring in possibly people that have interest or specific expertise maybe in that (area)," he said, adding he thinks by opening it up to different individuals, that would be an

advantage to the corporation.

"Any time you can bring people that have experience with running that kind of a business ... it'll just help you to improve on how you are running it," he said.

Wittal added the objective of the corporations won't be to necessarily make a lot of money by increasing rates to customers, but rather to make them more accountable so that municipalities wouldn't have to cover large deficits.

Commissions have the ability to requisition funds from each municipality for any short falls they may have at the end of the year. Under a corporation, this would not happen.

"(It) gets away from the ability for that entity to requisition from municipalities which is hard for municipalities to budget for," Wittal said.

In other words, the corporations would try to break even, or show a small profit, which could be put back into future operations.

By introducing this model, people who sit on the boards overseeing the corporations will also be more accountable for the decisions they make, Wittal said.

"It will help to ensure that sound financial management is being used," he said.

As the plan currently stands, each municipality would have an equal share in the corporation, but Wittal said that could change to divvying up shares based on a municipality's population.

"We will be the only shareholders of the corporation," he said, noting that private citizens won't ever be able to buy shares in the corporations, so the control of the corporations would stay in the hands of the municipalities.

An all-council meeting

introducing the concept will be held in June. Wittal estimated that it could take a couple months beyond that to draft articles of incorporation and set up the structures of each corporation, before they start up in the fall.

Currently, the candidates for the change include only those commissions which strictly involve Mountain View County municipalities, namely Mountain View

Seniors Housing and the Mountain View Waste Management Commission. Other bodies such as the South Red Deer

Regional Wastewater Commission and the Mountain View Water Commission won't be part of the change because some of the member municipalities are outside of Mountain View County.

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## Cattle liner rollover kills 14 animals

BY MARK LAYCOCK  
For the Review

Mountain View County has an emergency plan in place to deal with vehicle accidents involving livestock should response crews need assistance says manager of agriculture and parks, Jeff Holmes.

However, Didsbury and Sundre RCMP did not need the county's emergency contact list following a cattle liner rollover on Hwy. 22 near Sundre on May 16 that claimed the lives of 14 animals.

The incident occurred at 6:45 a.m. on Hwy. 22 near the Bergen Road. Didsbury RCMP Cst. Derek Lascelles says the driver of the vehicle attempted to avoid a deer on the road by pulling to the right, but after pulling over too far the vehicle flipped into the ditch.

A local veterinarian euthanized seven of

the cattle at the scene, while an RCMP officer tracked and put down an eighth injured animal that ran away.

The driver of the vehicle was taken to Sundre hospital in stable condition.

Holmes says the emergency contact list was compiled in 2006 following a workshop at the county office. The list contains contact names and phone numbers for a wide range of individuals including: veterinarians, livestock producers, agriculture societies and others with livestock expertise.

Red Deer County has a livestock emergency response trailer that can be dispatched to an incident. The trailer contains tools and equipment that can be used to assist emergency personnel in rescuing animals involved in an accident.

Holmes says that Mountain View County is able to utilize that trailer if needed.



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# Opinion

## Commentary Health-care collision on the way?

DAN SINGLETON



The Stelmach government may be on a collision course with health-care workers and rural Albertans.

After several months of relative quiet, a number of contentious health-care issues, specifically uncertainty over the future of rural hospitals and an ongoing and worsening nursing crisis, has created a recipe for big-time trouble.

Heather Smith, president of the 24,000-member United Nurses of Alberta, says nurses are struggling to keep the health system running in light of widespread pressures.

The Stelmach government, and Health Minister Ron Liepert in particular, seems unwilling to come to terms with nurses' concerns, she says.

"We have a deficit in terms of workforce supply and there has been very direct messaging from the Minister of Health in terms of blaming nurses for health-care costs," said Smith, herself a registered nurse. "I would use the term scapegoat and certainly that's the way nurses are feeling."

"The challenge right now is we have a workforce that has expended incredible energies in trying to make do and do their best. And the minister's comments in terms of returning to the atmosphere of the 1990s really do a lot of damage."

On top of the concerns expressed by nurses, the future of many rural hospitals, including those in Central Alberta, remains very much up in the air.

Although the province was quick to pour cold water on a leaked memo that indicated the former David Thompson Health Region was planning to reduce a number of rural hospitals to urgent care centres, questions remain.

When the memo became public, Liberal leader Dr. David Swann asked Health Minister Ron Liepert straight out: "Will the minister tell the people of Rimbey, Ponoka, Lacombe, Innisfail, Coronation, Sundre, Three Hills and Hanna if their hospitals will be downgraded to urgent care?"

Liepert's somewhat cryptic answer – "Rural people will get their services where they're getting them today as long as we're providing that service" – was anything but reassuring to rural residents.

The premier has said time and again in recent months that communities will be consulted before any decision is made about closing or downgrading rural hospitals.

What he hasn't said is that rural hospitals are going to be maintained in their current roles. Whether he is remaining mute on the point because it goes without saying or because he has plans to slash the facilities remains anyone's guess.

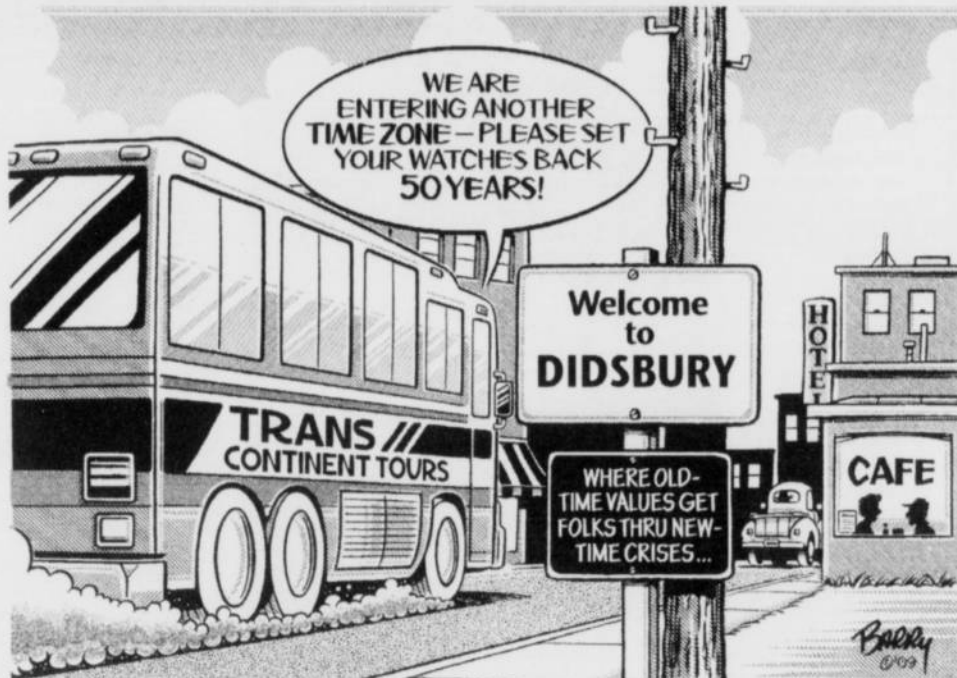
Nevertheless, the combination of a nursing workforce struggling to cope and the troubling uncertainty about the future of rural hospitals has created a situation that has all the makings of a big-time battle brewing between the Stelmach government, health-care workers and rural Albertans.

And make no mistake, it's a battle with stakes that couldn't be higher.

## Quote of the week

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MAP chair Brian Wittal, on the consideration of turning Mountain View Seniors' Housing Commission and the Mountain View Regional Waste Management pCommission into for-profit corporations



## Commentary

## El battle lines drawn: 420 to 360 or fight!



KEVIN GAUDET

Voters may soon be called to vote for the fourth time in just five years. Ostensibly, this time it will be

thanks to a political battle over an even further loosening of eligibility requirement for Employment Insurance (EI).

It is a far cry from the heady days of threats of war during American-British colonial disputes over territory when cries of "54-40 or Fight!" rang out around America. Today Canadians hear "420 to 360 or Fight!"

The 1844 battle cry was issued about a boundary dispute over the Pacific Northwest. Even though the US had already agreed to the 49th parallel in more than one treaty, this didn't stop Presidential candidate Polk. This is similar to opposition politicians today ignoring the fact that only three months ago the federal budget already gave them all that their coalition had demanded.

The opposition coalition threatened to topple the Harper government before Christmas if it did not, amongst other things, make changes to EI. The Harper government acceded to their demands, extending eligibility by five weeks for two years. These changes cost

\$3 billion. Despite this, the opposition coalition is again demanding increased EI payments and threatening an election if it doesn't get its way.

Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff is the one leading the charge for a possible election. He has said that the Harper government must work with him on temporarily reducing the number of hours Canadians must work before they are eligible to access EI. Eligibility now depends on local unemployment rates, ranging from a high of 700 hours where unemployment is low, to 420 hours where it is high. Mr. Ignatieff wants to see it lowered to 360 everywhere in Canada.

This would be a mere 45 days of full-time work and only eight days less than the current minimum. He may have a good point in making eligibility the same across the country under the current rules. However, adopting the lowest standard is needlessly costly for the sake of scoring political points.

Mr. Ignatieff has so far been silent on the issue of how this increased cost would be paid: increased EI payroll taxes, more borrowing or cuts to other areas of spending.

According to the TD Bank, Mr. Ignatieff's policy change will cost at least another \$1 billion per year. And his EI reforms are the least expensive on the table. The TD report indicates that only 15 per cent of unemployed EI contribu-

tors are unable to access benefits and that those people are twice as likely to be living in the lowest unemployment areas in Canada where getting new work is the easiest.

NDP leader Jack Layton is calling for EI reforms that go even further. He wants Mr. Ignatieff's change to be permanent. In addition, he wants an end to the two-week waiting period required prior to accessing benefits. He also wants benefits increased. Of course, he hasn't yet said how large of an increase he wants. Finally, he is calling for the self-employed to have access to benefits.

Instead of playing politics, the opposition should encourage the Harper government to reform EI to make it a true insurance program. The Harper government started down this road in 2008 by appointing a commissioner to head a new independent EI tribunal, like the current CPP tribunal. As well, they could reduce the job-killing 40 per cent additional premium businesses pay on EI payroll taxes.

Instead of worrying about scoring political points by making it easier for more unemployed people to get quicker access to more EI benefits, politicians should be looking at ways of spurring the economy to create jobs. After all, the best cure for unemployment is a new job.

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# A dog for Dawsyn could help

BY SABEEN AHMAD  
Didsbury Review

Looking at Dawsyn you would not see anything out of the usual; she looks like most regular seven or eight-year-olds and attends Grade 2 at Olds Koinonia Christian School.

"Dawsyn is bright and she is beautiful and she's just got this bubbly personality, but she's also got Dravet's Syndrome," Marvel Mcammond says about her seven-year-old daughter Dawsyn Harke.

Dawsyn was diagnosed with the very rare form of epilepsy at the age of two. When she was six months old, Dawsyn suffered a 30-minute seizure 12 hours after her six-month vaccinations.

"They thought it was just a one-time thing," Mcammond says of the doctors' diagnosis at the time. Two months later, Dawsyn suffered another 35-minute seizure. The following day, after suffering a 45-minute seizure, the doctors realized it was not a one-time thing and after numerous tests and research - one and a half years later - she was diagnosed with Dravet's Syndrome.

Mcammond says it was caused by the vaccinations Dawsyn had at six months.

"It is a genetic disease but none of us have the genetic markers."

She explains Dawsyn had a mutated gene that is a pre-disposer that they would not have even known she had until she began her seizures. "It's really convoluted and complicated and I don't even fully understand it," Mcammond says. "However, it is now something she can pass on if she were to have children someday."

She says though her daughter may look like any other seven-year-old, mentally she is at a three or four-year-old's level. "Because of all the brain damage she suffered from the seizures," Mcammond explains. Though she does attend Grade 2, Dawsyn has special education and requires having an aide with her at all times.

At home, Mcammond says Dawsyn has slept with her parents for the past three years so they are able to keep an eye on her in case she suffers a seizure at night.

Mcammond added though she does not have the lengthy seizures she first had, Dawsyn will now have multiple seizures for short periods of time.

"She also has no fear," Mcammond said adding she once found her standing on top of a play structure they have in their backyard. Noting Dawsyn does not have great balance either a situation like that is quite worrisome. Another time, Mcammond's aunt had to pick Dawsyn up off the stove after she had climbed on top and turned the stove on.

Enter "4 Paws for Ability," an organization that provides canine assistance for children and adults with a variety of different disabilities including autism, seizures, hearing or mobility. Mcammond acknowledges that caring for Dawsyn is a full-time job on its own but also recognizes her daughter's need for independence. Having a service dog will allow Dawsyn a little bit of that independence.

Mcammond explained the dog would notice if Dawsyn is placing herself in a dangerous situation and attempt to distract her by barking or licking her. It would also alert Mcammond and her husband if Dawsyn places herself in a dangerous situation the dog

is unable to distract her from or if Dawsyn goes into a seizure.

Mcammond explained she learned about the service dogs and 4 Paws for Ability through an online support community she is a part of with other Dravet's Syndrome families.

"I just shelved it in the back of my mind at first," she says of first hearing about it. Mcammond didn't think about the dog again until one night when she and her husband were putting Dawsyn to bed.

Usually, she explained, Mcammond and her husband would have quite time to talk by having Dawsyn go to sleep on the couch around 8 p.m.

"Well one night Dawsyn said to us she wanted to sleep in her own bed," Mcammond said.

Recognizing her daughter's desire for some independence, she began researching service dogs and 4 Paws for Ability.

The organization is based in Xenia, Ohio but provides canine assistance worldwide. The not-for-profit organization relies on donations by individuals and companies. Funding is primarily done by the applicant with the assistance of the organization.

For Mcammond this means they have to raise \$16,000 as part of their application for a service dog. "They ask the family to join the organization as a volunteer and so the purpose of that is there is no way to spread the word of the organization than word of mouth," said Mcammond. "Once our part of that fundraising is done and we've sent it in then they choose a dog for Dawsyn."

Mcammond explained the organization requested the family send videos of Dawsyn as a way to 'meet her' so they are able to train a dog to deal with all situations and moods she is in including seizures, and suit her personality.

As part of their fundraising, Mcammond and her family will be having a beef on a bun dinner and silent auction at Zion Evangelical Missionary Church on June 12 at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each and available at Pharmasave, Front Porch Reality and CHR. Donations can also be made by going to [www.4pawsforability.org](http://www.4pawsforability.org) and indicating specifically the donation is for Dawsyn Harke.



Dawsyn Mcammond

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## Comings and Goings

### Peters to play Bragg Creek

Didsbury musician Jake Peters will join a diverse mix of musicians performing this weekend at the Bragg Creek Festival.

Organizers of the May 30 and 31 festival hope to highlight and blend Classical, Latin, Folk and Jazz genres.

The artists, they say, will cross the conventional boundaries that usually divide music into genres or traditions.

Peters is an accomplished, award-winning guitar and banjo-picker and has been known to arrive with seven or more instruments to his performances. He will often feature guitar and banjo but may also play the bouzouki, sas, oud, hand drums, bamboo flute and ukulele. His show includes multiple styles of music including: gospel, blue grass, blues, country, Spanish, Hawaiian, jazz, classical and world rhythms.

At the second annual festival, Peters will join Alex Cuba, a Cuban-born B.C. artist; The Marc Atkinson Trio, a multi-instrumental jazz group; and the Bergmann Piano Duo, who perform orchestral and chamber music.



JAKE PETERS

### Anthony's work at Vancouver's sustainable living expo

A Didsbury artist and businessman has returned from displaying his artistic creations fashioned from recycled computer parts at western Canada's largest green consumer tradeshow and eco-marketplace.

Bill Anthony was one of more than 300 exhibitors at EPIC, The Vancouver Sun Sustainable Living Expo held May 8-10.

Recycling solutions and waste management technologies were prominent and popular features of the event.

EPIC celebrated its third straight year of record attendance with more than 16,482 attendees.

## Small town is author's muse

BY SABEEN AHMAD  
Didsbury Review

Well-known Canadian author Rudy Wiebe has been named as one of this year's winners of the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Distinguished Artist Awards.

Now a resident of Edmonton, Wiebe's parents came to Canada from Russia in March of 1930 where they settled in Didsbury.

"My mother's aunt, Mary Suderman, sponsored them to come. She was sort of the angel that got them there," explained Wiebe from his office in Edmonton. "They had enough of a farm to be able to sponsor my parents." Wiebe was born four years later in Speedwell, Saskatchewan.

Wiebe, a professor emeritus of Canadian Literature and creative writing at the University of Alberta, has written nine novels, four short story collections, two children's books and six books of non-fiction. His love of this tiny Mennonite community

### Six degrees of separation

Russian-immigrant family who settled in Didsbury raised an award-winning author



RUDY WIEBE

was effectively portrayed in his latest multi-award winning book, *Of This Earth*, which was published in 2007.

"It's an autobiography," he says, "about the first 12 years of my life in Speedwell." The book has since received the Charles Taylor Award for literary non-fiction and the Grant McEwan Award, both in the publication year. His latest book is the biography, *Big Bear* in the Penguin Extraordinary Canadians series.

Living in a small community of about 250 people, Wiebe found himself enthralled with reading.

"I was an omnivorous reader in my one room school - I read everything. The teacher's story was that by the time I was in Grade 3 I had read all the books in the library," he laughs adding that the library wasn't that big.

It was his love for reading that lead him to eventually become a writer.

Having travelled all around the globe, Wiebe stays grounded in western Canada especially when it comes to his work.

"I've stayed in Western Canada and have written stories about the Canadian West and that's my world. This is what's

intriguing to me. When my parents came here they were in their forties and the stories I heard were about Russia. So I grew up in this double world of the Canadian prairies and the boreal forest but also about their lives in Russia."

Wiebe says that although he has lived in a number of countries he chooses to keep the settings of his writing right here at home.

"I've lived in many places - four years in the United States, a couple years in Germany - it's very deliberate on my part to stay here."

The award will be presented to Wiebe, as well as to Joan Stebbins, a former curator of Lethbridge's Southern Alberta Art Gallery, on June 20 in Grand Prairie.

For Wiebe, who has received a number of awards for his work, an award from Alberta means a lot. "I have received Canada wide awards I haven't received very many from Alberta so it's always nice to receive something from home."

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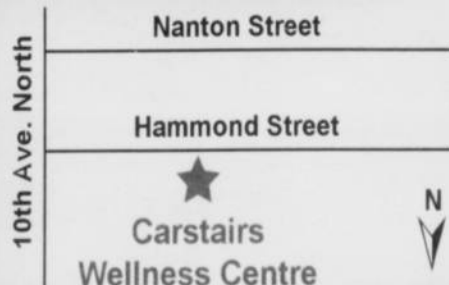
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## CESD, town reach agreement

Council has approved a joint use agreement between Chinook's Edge School Division (CESD) and the Town of Didsbury.

According to Mayor Brian Wittal, in previous years there had always been an informal agreement between the two. Having an agreement like this helps to formalize and bring accuracy to the agreement, he said.

"I think in the past what there was, was probably (something) informal. We just felt that it was time to sit down with Chinook's Edge and formalize things better in regards to how we can utilize facilities better within the community, coordinate those things along with Chinook's Edge and try to maximize on some of these facilities we have within the community."

Wittal explained the agreement would help simplify the process of booking facilities and the matter of coordinating programs could be focused on.

The agreement can be reviewed within 60 days of one of the groups giving notice.

## Junior Achievers learn recipe for success

Didsbury students discovered some essential ingredients required to achieve success in life recently, thanks to the Junior Achievement Programs.

Volunteers from the Caroline, Olds, Calgary, Sundre and Red Deer business communities gave their time to deliver Junior Achievement's Economics of Staying in School (ESIS) program to 11 classes of Grade 9 students on May 12.

Junior Achievement's ESIS: Economics for Success seminar is a one-day seminar voyage of self-discovery.

Through a variety of interactive activities, students look into the future to discover there are some very real personal and economic consequences to the choices they make now about their schooling.



Putting art in ArtWalk Michelle Jorgensen, Olds, stands beside one of her metal creations, at the Didsbury Complex, May 20, during the Wellspring Visual ArtNetwork Association ArtWalk's exhibit and reception.

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Volunteers teamed up in pairs to deliver the program at Olds College and share their personal experiences with the Grade 9 students.

Using a variety of hands-on learning activities and discussion groups, the Junior Achievement volunteers lead the students through the key components of ESIS: Success, Independence, Employability and Futures.

Students left at the end of the day with the message that the longer they stay in school, the greater the opportunity to develop the skills, knowledge and attitudes required to achieve success in their career.

Volunteers stressed that the students will learn first-hand that as their future continues to unfold, education and commitment to life-long learning are the secret ingredients in the recipe for success.

government program.

"It was a long process - 15 months," said daycare co-owner Corrie Tomlinson.

The daycare, which has 10 staff members, is licensed to hold 56 children. Currently there are 50 children registered.

"It was paperwork like crazy," Tomlinson said about the process of getting accredited.

She added the process also included making sure the equipment, treatment of the children and dealing with parents was all best practices.

"It's obviously the pride of knowing we're doing the best job we can," she said. "Besides that - financially - it's good for us because for our staff there are wage top-ups...and for the centre itself there is quality enhancement funding."

Tomlinson added she along with her business partner Shirley Dole were very pleased with their staff who have been with them for years. "It was just nice to be acknowledged for our hard work - we're happy that people noticed."

The daycare takes children aged 12 months to five years old. Tomlinson added a new regulation that started in November did not allow for any children over the age of five to go to daycare.

## Kidz Playhouse gets accredited

Kidz Playhouse Daycare has now joined the ranks of hundreds of other programs across the province in becoming an accredited daycare under the provincial

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Pursuant to section 73 of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*, any person who is directly affected by this operation may submit a written statement of concern regarding this application. Failure to file a statement of concern may affect the right to file a Notice of Appeal with the Environmental Appeals Board. Such a statement of concern must be submitted to:

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Regulatory Approvals Center  
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**UP TO THE ELBOWS** – Tara Risling pregnancy checks a holstein cow under the direction of U of C veterinary clinical skills instructor Gord Krebs while fellow students look on. Krebs was nominated for the Students' Union Teaching Excellence award.

Carla Victor/Didsbury Review

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Members of the management team, the Board of Directors, representatives from Alberta Environment and landfill engineers will be in attendance to address any questions or concerns. We thank you in advance for your participation.

Management and Staff,  
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## U of C students honour Krebs with teaching award

BY SABEEN AHMAD  
Didsbury Review

After teaching at the University of Calgary's Veterinary Medicine Department for just over a year, Didsbury's Gord Krebs has already won a teaching award.

After accepting a position as a clinical skills instructor in April of last year, Krebs' students, a total of 34 in the Veterinary Medicine Faculty, had so many rave comments about their instructor that it got him a nomination for the Students' Union Teaching Excellence award. "(They) needed at least five students to nominate the (teacher)," said Leanne Niblock, director of communications for the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine. "The entire class filled in the form with comments...so really the whole class participated."

Krebs was blown away by the nomination alone. "I knew I was nominated in about March – the neat part about it is that every faculty doesn't get one – it depends on how many comments (the Students' Union) get in. We went up against the faculty of medicine and engineering that have thousands of students."

The clinical skills instructor teaches the students the hands-on of veterinary medicine. "It's a no-brainer – it's the fun stuff," Krebs said, adding he was shocked at being nominated since he had only been teaching for

eight months.

Teaching has been something Krebs had always thought of wanting to get involved with after he completed his education from the University of Saskatchewan.

"One of the pros I hung around with a lot was a really neat guy and I always thought I'd like to go back and teach in Saskatoon sometime," he says. "(The University of Calgary) approached me a couple years ago whether I'd be interested in coming down and

working here and things just sort of fell in place. And it was too good to be true because now I didn't have to move to Saskatoon – I could do it here in Calgary."

Krebs said it's been a great experience in Calgary because the faculty is so new and things are developing so fast and it allows him to teach new things versus being

at another university where he could be teaching the same thing for 'a hundred years.'

"I think he is incredible. He has made our learning experience amazing," said Amber Hutchinson, member of the class of 2012 and this year's president of the Calgary Association of Veterinary Students. "He is an excellent teacher and cares so much about us and that really shows."

The Teaching Excellence Awards is an initiative by the Students' Union to honour University of Calgary faculty members for their outstanding contributions to the classroom and laboratory.

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## What do cows and playgrounds have in common?

Well, last week we learned that cows and playgrounds have Cowabunga in common. This week we have Part 2 of how our Cow-A-Bunga family dance became a tradition.

In year one, our new principal Brent Runnett became more informed about livestock so we wanted to ensure his education continued.

Thanks to one of the local jersey farms, Betsy The Cow was happy to provide an "udderly" new experience for our "fresh" principal.

In full view of a growing, boisterous crowd Mr. Runnett was introduced to Betsy. With doubt in our minds and a little fear in Mr. Runnett's, he and Betsy became great pals. Although it took a little coaxing on the cheering crowd's behalf, and much patience on Betsy's, Mr. Runnett was slowly able to glean enough of the "white stuff" to fill a glass! Cheers from the crowd, and a happy sigh of relief from Betsy started off our second annual Cowabunga.

At this second-year event we introduced the silent auction items and more draws for "barn door" prizes! These extra draws were a wonderful addition and created fun for the whole family for as long as the barn dance lasted. Mrs. Hrabok, our vice-principal, also introduced her "cattle call" that year. For the two

## Community News



Photo submitted

weeks leading up to Cowabunga, every time there was an announcement on the school's intercom system, it began with a "moo" from Mrs. Hrabok's cookie jar! The students were, needless to say, very excited and ready for the event.

So mooove on over, it's Cowabunga time again! Watch for another Cowabunga of a story in next week's paper!

Please join us for our Cowabunga on June 4, 2009 in the parking lot of Ross Ford Elementary School. We will be there with "cow" bells on! For more information or to donate, please give our wonderful office staff a "call" at 403-335-3234.

### Didsbury Royal Purple update

Didsbury Elks Patrol Team added some colour, installing the ladies to the following chairs on May 9 at the Elks hall:

Honoured Royal Purple Lady - Irene Collings  
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constraints. To try and accommodate as many requests as possible, please keep submissions to 70 words or less. Please have your submissions in at least two weeks prior to the date of the event you are publicizing.

**CITIZENS ON PATROL** - Didsbury/Carstairs. Driving in a neighbourhood near you. To volunteer call 403-335-8755.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** - Membership meetings are the 2nd Wed. in June, September, November, and January. For more info please call 403-335-3265.

**DIDSBURY TOPS** Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Judy Coultas at 403-335-2212 or Rosemary 403-335-2835.

**BEAVERS** Tues. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

**TIME OUT** Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Didsbury Neighbourhood Place, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Call 403-335-4270.

**KING HIRAM LODGE #21** has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

**ST. HILDA CHAPTER #27 O.E.S.** Has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. Call Marg Stecker at 403-335-4281.

**DIDSBURY SENIOR SUPPORT SERVICES** Coordinates assistance for seniors. Call 403-335-4391.

**DIDSBURY SHUTTLE BUS** Scheduled transportation for anyone on Monday, Wednesdays & Fridays 9 - 3. Please call day prior or by 8:00 a.m. for pick up. 403-507-0208. Wheelchair accessible. Sponsored by the Didsbury Lions Club.

**DIDSBURY ELKS LODGE** Supper Meeting - 4th Thursdays, Regular Meeting - 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month. Call 335-4676 for info.

**LEARNING DISABILITIES MTN.** View Chapter Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 403-335-3174.

**DIDSBURY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC** - Provides free accessible mental health services. Which incl. assessments, individual family & group counselling & crisis intervention. Mon. - Fri. 8:30-4:00.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** Meetings Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Mission Hall, Didsbury, 21 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Colleen at 403-335-8484 or Rick at 403-335-9625.

**HALL RENTALS:** Rosebud Hall rentals. Call 403-335-9945 or 403-335-4606.

**RUGBY HALL RENTALS** Call Della @ 403-335-8767, for meetings, family events or reunions.

• 5-0 Club Hall Rentals. For Hall rentals &/or

info regarding the hall please call Joyce Gee 403-335-2861. • To Rent Didsbury Elks Hall. Call Jim Wade 403-335-3481. • To Rent St.

**Cyprian's Anglican Church Hall**, contact Myrna Watt 403-335-3745. • To Rent the **Lone Pine Hall**, which is located east of Didsbury, contact Jo-Anne Hannah at 403-335-4190. • To Rent **Mountain View Community Hall** for meetings, community events, family or group reunions call John 403-335-8860. • The **Fallen Timber Community Hall** offers an ideal place for quiet safety meetings or fabulous social activities. Please contact Esther McMullen for info at 403-637-2270.

**SPEND ONE HOUR A WEEK WITH A CHILD AT SCHOOL.** Have fun together - play games, shoot some hoops, draw, read or do crafts. Mentoring works! Call Mountain View Mentoring at 403-586-0110. Volunteers needed in Carstairs, Cremona, Didsbury, Olds & Sundre. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Innisfail.

**DIDSBURY LIFELINE** Emergency Response System - Shirley 403-335-3787, Don 403-335-4676.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW CHORALIES** invite you to sing with us 7 p.m. Mondays at the 5-0 club, 2500 15 Ave. 36th.

**DIDSBURY ROYAL PURPLE #317** Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., 2nd Wednesday of each month. For info call Irene Collings 403-335-4589.

**ALANON:** For family and friends of alcoholics. Alice 403-556-5911, Reg 403-337-3762.

**DIDSBURY AND AREA SUPPORT GROUP** For friends and families of people with Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia. Join us the last Monday of each month, 7-9 p.m. Aspen Ridge Lodge, 1100 - 20 Ave., Didsbury. 403-335-9848. Dolina Watson, 403-335-7285.

**DIDSBURY & DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES AUXILIARY** monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in Unit 4 at the hospital.

**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS**

12-Step group for Compulsive Overeaters meets on Thursdays at 7 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Anglican church, 130 Albert St. Airdrie. For more information call Deb at 403-948-0563 or Frankie at 403-335-3633.

**3025 RCACC** Didsbury Army Cadets Youth 12-18 Monday 6:30 - 9:30. Downstairs Victoria Square Mall 403-559-8801.

**ADULT HALL WALKING** at Westglan School from 6:30pm to 7:30pm from Monday to Friday. Also free blood sugar testing on Mondays. For more information call Cindy at 403-335-9437.

**DIDSBURY MUSEUM OPEN** 10 a.m. - 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tues and Wed.; Sat. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. By appointment. Joan 403-335-6644 or Shirley 403-335-3277.

**BURY & DISTRICT** Community bus. Call Jan to book your trip. 403-335-3052. Competent drivers.

**DIDSBURY YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE's** meetings are held the first Monday of each month. All persons interested in volunteering and helping to work with the youth in our community are encouraged to come. For location and time please call 403-335-1975.

**MIDWAY COMMUNITY WALKERS** Midway School will be open to anyone that would like to walk inside for exercise without the winter elements. Open every school day 7:30-8:30am. For more info call 403-337-2888.

**PARENT LINK CENTER** Drop in play. FREE Playtime for Parents and Preschoolers (newborn to 6 yrs). Morning, afternoon and evening playtimes available at Didsbury Neighbourhood Place, bay 2, 2030 17 Ave. Contact Linda 403-586-5466.

**IF YOU LIKE TO QUILT** or would like to learn to quilt, come join us at the Church of God 1st & 3rd Sunday, 1 - 4 or 7 - 9:30 p.m. For more info call 403-337-8686 leave message. Everyone welcome.

**BABY DROP IN** starting in September @ Didsbury Neighbourhood Place from 9:30 to 11:00 on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Thursday of the month. A great opportunity to have your baby weighed, talk to a public health nurse & meet other new parents of babies.

**DIDSBURY ELKS LODGE** supper meetings every 2nd and 4th Thursdays. Supper at 7:00 p.m. meeting at 8:00 p.m. Call 403-335-4655.

**SUPPER INVITATION** - The Didsbury Lions Club welcomes men & lady visitors at their supper meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month, 6:45 p.m. at the 5-0 Centre. For information and to RSVP call 403-335-9173 or 403-335-4796.

**DIDSBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACE** is a resource centre for the down, we provide information and referral services, community programming, FCSS, resource lending library and meeting space available for rent. Please call 403-

335-8719.

**GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA** - For fun, friendship and adventure! Join anytime. Units are running in Olds (Mondays) & Didsbury (Wed/Thurs.). Contact Karen 403-556-6881. **Coming Events:** Spring Cookie Day - May 2/09, 10am To 3pm Didsbury Train Station.

**PRENATAL BREASTFEEDING CLASS** & preparing for motherhood with Young Family Wellness Nurse and Lactation Consultant. Partners & support people welcome. Thursday, June 4, 1-3pm. Free. Please call Didsbury Public Health Unit to register @ 403-335-7292. 17-22

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**STRAWBERRY TEA, BAKE & CRAFT SALE** Friday, May 22nd, 2:00 pm, Aspen Ridge Lodge. Tickets \$3 each, come one come all. 19-20

**LONEPINE AG SOCIETY STEAK FRY** - Lonepine Hall, June 6, 2009. \$15/person. Ag info speaker / Cowboy Poet. RSVP Hani 403-337-3491, Rudi 403-337-2596, Dale 403-337-2065. 20-22

**SALUTE TO SENIORS CELEBRATION** - Thursday, June 4th at 1:30 in the Multi-purpose room at the Didsbury Memorial Complex. Free admission. Lunch, entertainment and door prizes. If a ride is required call 403-335-4391. 20-22

**FRIDAYS** - Cribbage starts at 5-0 Club at 7:00 pm. TFN

**FREE FAMILY SWIM** - Free Family Swim Sunday May 31, 1-3pm, sponsored by Rosebud Community Club. Family Potluck Supper to follow at 4pm at Rosebud Hall. Info 403-335-9296. Colin. 21

**1ST DIDSBURY SCOUT GROUPS** - Early registration for 2009-2010 year. June 9, 7:00-8:30pm. Eldon Foote Hall (Train Station). For more info call Linda 403-335-4846. 21-22

**DIDSBURY MUSEUM** - annual pie social. Saturday June 20 from 1pm - 4pm. \$4 member and \$5 non member. There is a "Salute to Organizations & Services". 21-24



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Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.  
Mid-week service every third Wednesday 9:30 a.m.  
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Sunday School will start back in September.

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Sunday school provided for ages 3-17.  
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#### West Zion Mennonite Church

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Pastor Trevor Kriaka, info - 337-2020  
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### Berghal Mennonite Church

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Sunday Worship Service - 11 a.m.  
Pastor: Elwin Garland  
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Holy Communion 1 & 3 Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
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Small Group Bible Study meetings throughout the week.

### Mountain View Evangelical Missionary Church

14 km East of Didsbury Pastor Art Numan  
Office: 335-4422  
Morning Worship 11 a.m. • Sunday School 10 a.m.  
For information concerning the weekly activities please call the Church Office.

### St. Anthony's Catholic

2030 - 24 Ave. Didsbury  
For more information please contact  
Claude Baril - 335-3842  
Catholic Women's League:  
Wendy MacKenzie 335-8507  
Knights of Columbus: Gary McNeil - 335-8611

### Chinook Winds Christian Centre

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Mike Morgan, Senior Pastor  
John Renner, Associate Pastor  
(Life Groups & Worship)  
Colin Creighton, Associate Pastor  
(Global Connections & Youth)  
Alison LeFebvre, Director of Youth Ministries  
Christine Little, Director of Children's Ministries  
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Worship Service 10:45 am  
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## National Multiple Births Awareness Day - May 28

Did you know that May 28 is National Multiple Births Awareness Day?

Established in 2005 by Multiple Births Canada, this date has been designated as the day for raising national awareness of the unique issues faced by multiple-birth individuals and their families.

The date is symbolic as it is the birthdate of the Dionne quintuplets, who have helped Canadians to better understand the challenges faced by Canada's multiple-birth community.

As well as educating others, National Multiple Births Awareness Day provides a venue to unite and celebrate our personal journeys as parents, grandparents, siblings, friends, spouses, daycare and service providers, educators, and health professionals supporting Canada's multiple-birth community.

The MBC board of directors is pleased to announce that with the support of members and volunteers who provided input on possible themes for National Multiple Births Awareness Day, the 2009 theme is "Classroom Placement for Multiples - together or not?"

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 Enjoy the privacy of "Your New Home" in Didsbury. It's a bright 1 bdrm lower walk-out suite that includes your own convenient brand new in-suite laundry and kitchen appliances, cozy in-floor heat, tasteful window coverings and it's all yours for \$825 plus utilities! Don't wait, or it will be someone else's! Visit [www.omnihousing.ca](http://www.omnihousing.ca) for photos and more details.  
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## 5170. Duplex / 4-plex for rent

**The Economy Sucks!!!**  
 We're here to help you through the tough times with short-term lease options & low utility efficient housing. Come see "Your New Home". A comfortable 3 bdrm, bright open concept kitchen, en-suite bathroom, double car garage & walk-in closet are just a few of the awesome amenities of the brand new home. Won't last at this price! Didsbury/Carstairs \$1295 plus utilities. Please visit [www.omnihousing.ca](http://www.omnihousing.ca) for photos and more details! Call Ally 403-586-2424

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 New, Convenient & Reliable are just a few of the words we use to describe "Your New Home"! This 3 bdrm home boasts an entertainer's dream of a kitchen, 5 brand new appliances, bright bedrooms with modern windows covering throughout, an en-suite bathroom and just a minute's walk to the schools and downtown. Make it yours before it's too late! Visit [www.omnihousing.ca](http://www.omnihousing.ca) for photos and more details. Carstairs/ Didsbury \$1295 + Utilities. Call Ally 403-586-2424

## 5130. Apartments For Rent

**BRAND NEW CARPET.** great layout and convenient location. This two-bedroom, 2 bath, townhome is available May 1 for just \$850/mth. Call 780-222-4655 or 403-439-0079

**FURNISHED DUPLEX.** SOUTH of Didsbury. Excellent accommodations for one person. Private entrance. Main floor. Fully furnished \$425.00/mth. \$100.00 SD including utilities. 403-335-4880

**5155. Shared Accommodations**  
**IN DIDSBURY.** New house \$450.00/mth. includes all utilities, plus cable/internet. 403-994-0700

**5600. Commercial**  
**COMMERCIAL SPACE.** 1000 sq.ft. - heated & insulated Overhead door, great location Back alley access, Didsbury Available immediately 403-335-0014/ 403-556-9219

**7015. Bookkeeping Services**  
**AT HOME BOOKKEEPER** available for small businesses I have 6 yrs. experience and I use Quickbooks Software Please call Tracy 403-335-3428 or 403-604-1625

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**J & A CONTRACTING** General contracting & project management. New house framing siding soffit & fascia, renovations all types of concrete work decks, garages, shops & fencing. Call 403-507-7266 or 403-556-5536

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# FRONT PORCH REALTY

**174 Meadowbrook Lane, Carstairs**  
Great starter home, built in 2000 and on its own pie shaped lot, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, vaulted ceilings, oak kitchen, nice yard



**\$199,900**

**58 Silver Lynx Park, Olds**  
Nicely maintained 1200 sq ft home on rented lot, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, vaulted ceilings, open floor plan, corner gas fireplace, great shed/workshop, priced right



**\$139,900**

**305 Westhill Close**  
1400+ sq ft home, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, new hardwood, new kitchen, wall mount, edges fireplace, covered deck, walk-up basement



**\$379,900**

**214 Valarosa Place**  
This brand new home is ready to move into! 1350 sq ft, upgraded laminate, 3 sided fireplace, jet tub, maple cabinetry, covered deck, huge lot, great price!



**\$349,900**

**9 Westhill Drive**  
Great family home, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, newer laminate and new carpet, fresh paint, refinished kitchen cabinets, backs onto a huge park, excellent location



**\$256,900**

**25th Street Lot**  
61' X 128' lot, walkout potential, back lane, choose your own builder, no GST, in preferred area of town!



**\$99,900**

**Little Red Acres**  
1.0 acre lot ready for your dream home, services to property line, no building commitment, stock breed pens, conveniently located just north of Water Valley



**\$134,900**

**2029 - 18 Avenue**  
Upgraded older home on a huge lot (80' X 120'), 3 bedrooms, large rear deck with hot tub, large balcony off of master bedroom, zoned residential/commercial



**\$229,900**

**1269 - 23 Avenue**  
Beautiful 45+ unit with no condo fees! vaulted ceilings, gas fireplace, oak kitchen, main floor laundry, bonus room, finished basement



**\$329,900**

**1324 - 21 Avenue**  
Unserviced vacant lot in a mature area of town, slopes west to east so good walkout potential, quiet street, no GST!



**\$69,900**

**1317 - 20 Avenue**  
Here's your own park in town! 8.4 acre lot! 3+1 bedroom bungalow, many upgrades, laminate floors, 2 gas fireplaces, 2 1/2 baths, oversized double garage, zoned residential commercial, great potential!



**\$329,900**

**34 Westhill Crescent**  
Over 1700 sq ft, various recent upgrades, jetted tub, fireplace, main floor laundry, new flooring, double detached heated garage, large yard



**\$309,900**

## THE PORCH BOYZ



WE'LL  
"CUT" YOU A  
GREAT DEAL!

**7 Carriage Lane Way, Carstairs**



**\$364,900**

Close to completion, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, mahogany hardwood, maple cabinetry, granite countertops, gas fireplace, walkout basement and much more!

**2025 - 20 Avenue**



**\$429,900**

Former Evangelical Church! Over 5000 sq ft above grade, 4 bdrm living quarters, zoned commercial, great location, lots of character

**2022 - 18 Avenue**



**\$329,900**

Major renovations including addition, 3 bdrms, 1 1/2 baths, corner gas FP, maple kitchen, formal dining, sunroom, walk-in closet in master, separate entrance for home based business, 24' X 30' garage.

**1308 - 23 Avenue 45+ Duplex!**



**\$269,900**

Brand new basement development, spacious open plan, 5' ceilings, corner gas fireplace, oak kitchen, main floor laundry, beautifully landscaped.

**9 West Highlands Bay, Carstairs**



**\$449,900**

**1515 McAlpine Street, Carstairs**



**\$353,500**

**43 Valarosa Drive**



**\$376,900**

**#20, 1706 22 Avenue**



**\$179,900**

Excellent Condo Value! 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, extensive upgrades, fully developed basement, new flooring, and much more! Call back yard with deck, patio and firepit

**1512 - 23 Avenue**



**\$269,900**

Well built 1575 sq ft bungalow, sunken family room, wood burning fireplace, 2 1/2 baths, jetted tub, partly developed basement, large lot

**1542 - 17 Avenue**



**\$299,900**

**101 Westridge Place**



**\$399,900**

**2018 - 21 Avenue**



**\$254,900**

**35.22 ACRES!**



**\$399,900**

**1707 - 17 Street**



**\$264,900**

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